

Political question and response	Jesus-day example	Jesus' counterpoint	Translation to our context?	American examples	Scripture references
Withdraw	Essenes/dead sea community: separate from the wicked world and wait for God	Jesus lived in the world among sinners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt and light • Healthy don't need doctor 	Called to bear witness to the love of God in the world (including politics)...what is the best way to do this? Governing? Voting? Modelling alternative from outside? Speaking up?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amish • Southern Baptist Convention • Sojourners • "Christian nation" • Theocracy 	Matt 5:13-16 1 Peter 2:11 Mark 2:17
Compromise	Herodians: collaborate with Rome in order to get access to power	Jesus put Rome in its place. He didn't take shortcuts to power, but chose sinless suffering.	What are we willing to compromise? Who are we willing to work with? Faithfulness or effectiveness?	Everyone who has ever been involved in American politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iraq war, abortion, health care 	Luke 4:5-8, 11:15-18, 13:31-32 John 6:14-15, 19:7-16 Romans 12:2
Purify	Pharisees: purify Israel through observing the Jewish law	Love is higher law.	Can we "fix" society if we don't have our own house in order? Can we call for repentance with love?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiness movement • Most churches • Moral majority 	Matt 5:17-20, 7:1-5 23:23
Fight	Zealots: get ready for holy war where God will vindicate you	Love your enemies, submit to death on a cross	Can God use violence for good? If so, should we be willing to use violence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion clinic bombers • Iraq war • Liberation theology • Anabaptists 	Matt 5:38-43 John 6:14-15 18:10-11 Romans 12:17-21